

# BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 10 January at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room

**Present:** Chair - Cllr Rodney Cuff (RC), Vice Chair - Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Cllr Mark Needham (MN)  
Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Lin  
Townsend (LT)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p><b>Period of Public Questions</b> Community Police Officer - Report sent from PCSO Alison Donnison</p> <p><u>INCREASE IN BEAUTY SPOT THEFTS</u> When leaving a car unattended you should remove all valuables from the vehicle. Do not place them in the boot or glove compartment because thieves will attempt to break into the car to remove them. There is a leaflet issued by Dorset Police which can be displayed in the front windscreen when the car is left unattended which states that there are no valuables left in the vehicle. I will drop a supply of these leaflets to the village shop.</p> <p><u>SCAM PHONE CALLS - HMRC</u> There has also been an increase in scam phone calls purporting to be the HMRC advising people that they owe money and will be taken to court. Thankfully the reports have been to let us know that they took no action but please be mindful and speak to people you know who may not be aware of this type of scam. Reports of any attempted scam which has not been successful can be reported online to Action Fraud or they can be called on 0300 123 2040</p> <p><u>THEFT OF DIESEL</u> Also a reminder with rising fuel prices the theft of diesel is likely, especially on commercial vehicles.</p> <p>District Councillor - no report. D Cllr Peter Hiscock has resigned.</p> <p>County Councillor - C Cllr Jill Haynes sent a report (attached)</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS) - working County Councillor Jill Haynes (JH) - illness</p>	
3	<p><b>Registers of Interest</b> John Baker - Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting held</b> Tuesday 13 December 2016 were Passed, Agreed and Signed. <i>Proposed NB Seconded MN AIF</i></p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>1 Wheelie bins - Buckland Newton Place - response received and they will ensure that the dustbins are put away neatly.</p> <p>2 Sign for Pound - Sign has been ordered SM to chase.</p>	

3	Replacement Barrier - Fence has been erected, however the Parish Council feel that it should be longer as there is a gap. SM to take photos and send in.	
4	Henley fingerpost - James Purkiss from AONB has informed us that Mr Higgs has the finger and will be fixing it back on.	
5	Let at Stevens Walk - Exposed wires and alarm have been reported.	
6	<b>Planning Matters</b>	
1	<b>WD/D/16/002323 BUCKLAND NEWTON AND HENLEY</b> Removal of telephone boxes. <i>Corporate view by 15 December 2016 - The Parish Council objects.</i> SM has written to Planning Dept and BT explaining that we do not wish to lose the telephone boxes as they are an asset to the community and have historic importance to the village. The Parish Council would consider adopting them.	
2	<b>WD/D/16/001595 GRANGE FARM, TILEY, MIDDLEMARSH, DT9 5QL</b> Erection of permanent 2 bedroom Agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary dwelling. <i>Refusal of planning permission</i>	
7	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	
1	<u>Invoices Paid</u>	
	Battens Solicitors - £ 134.40 cheque 372	
	The Dorset Locksmith - £ 48.00 cheque 374	
	ICO Data Protection Registration - £ 35.00 cheque 375	
	Battens Solicitors - £ 192.00 cheque 373	
	Parish Clerks Wage + Exps - £ 344.00 cheque 377	
	Namesco Ltd - £ 59.88 cheque 376	
	Landmark Chambers - £ 1800.00 cheque 375	
2	<u>Invoices to be approved</u>	
	The Dorset Locksmith - £ 60.00	
	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd - £ 228.10	
	Clerks Wages + Exps - £ 415.35	
	SSE - £ 65.95	
3	<u>Monies Received</u>	
	None	
4	<u>Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 December 2016</u>	
	Nat West Current 7239.47*	
	Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy) 8,024.19	
	<u>15263.66</u>	
	Neighbourhood Pan B/F + Income 4311.44	
	Less Net Expenses 2326.35	
	<b>Balance at 31.12.16 1985.09</b>	

	<p>Play area B/F + Income                      1091.92  Less Net Expenses                              0.00  <b>Balance at 31.12.16                            1091.92</b></p> <p>£ 7239.47 - 1985.09 - 1091.92      <b><u>4162.46</u></b>  2016/2017 Possible expenditure - Reinstating Hountwell Pump</p> <p><i>Proposed AF, Seconded JC, AIF</i></p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	
1	Cllr R Cuff, Cllr J Baker and Jo Witherden met with WDDC on Friday 16 December. Frustrating as they still had no response from their legal team five weeks on. Cllr J Baker to speak to C Cllr J Haynes and Oliver Letwin to ask for their support with getting a decision from WDDC.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Highways</b>	
1	SM to put in Hilling Lane again, to keep on Highways radar.	SM
2	Salt has been put out by Cranes Meadow and the Church to be used by parishioners in the icy weather as required. SM to put details in LVN	SM
3	Enquiry Number: 1069261 - Pothole near culvert. Permanently repaired.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Parish Matters</b>	
1	<b>Hountwell Pump</b> Despite the letter sent from Battens Solicitors on the 15th November 2016 requesting Mr and Mrs Higgs to remove their possessions from Hountwell Pump and Track within 14 days, they did not do so. Therefore the Parish Council, through Battens Solicitors, have served a legal notice on Mr and Mrs Higgs dated the 6th January 2017 requiring them to remove all of the goods and vehicles within 14 days, otherwise it will be assumed they are abandoned and they will be disposed of.	
2	<b>Play Area/Parish Field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence between play area and road - broken in some places.</li> <li>• SM to find out who owns the hedge between the Parish field and new properties.</li> </ul>	SM
3	<b>Parish Pound</b> Sign has been ordered	
4	<b>Fingerposts</b> Mr Higgs has the finger from the Henley fingerpost and will fix it back on.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <u>Emails received</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FW: Getting ready for winter - Remember 105 in case of a power cut - <i>put on website and in LVN again.</i></li> <li>• Public space consultations launched - closes 15 March 2017</li> <li>• Dorset Highways Performance Q1-Q2 2016/17</li> <li>• Reshaping Your Councils consultation results are available</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FW: Request To Complete &amp; Promote Dependant Carers' Survey</li> <li>• FW: 30th March 2017 - Getting Started with Social Media "A Beginners Guide"</li> <li>• FW: What are your priorities for Dorset Police?</li> <li>• Grounds Maintenance 2017 / 2018</li> <li>• NALC newsletter and funding bulletin</li> <li>• No extension of referendum principles</li> <li>• DAPTC Subscription Charges for 2017/2018</li> <li>• Defib training</li> <li>• Data Protection registration - Renewal confirmation ICO:00043902295</li> <li>• Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular - ROYAL GARDEN PARTY NOMINATIONS</li> <li>- Tues 16 May</li> <li>• Avian Influenza - <i>put on shop noticeboard and website</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Post received</u></p>	
12 1	<p><b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>None</p>	

**Next Meeting - Tuesday 14 February 2017 - 7.30 pm, Parish Room**  
The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – JANUARY 2017

You may be aware that all the Dorset Councils will be having separate meetings this month to try to agree what combination of councils they think should make up the proposed two new unitaries. The most likely option, I think, is that Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch will be one and the other councils making up the second. However Christchurch is still not convinced and it may decide differently. The proposals will then go on to central government for perusal.

At DCC I am particularly occupied with the Clinical Services Review and the proposals for changes to primary care and GP's working. You will be aware that all practices are their own private businesses and many are struggling to recruit new Doctors. In some places this has led to delays in appointment times of 21 days and of course inevitably people then decide to go to A&E causing increased pressures there. We must find a better way to enable the GP's deal with their patients and in rural areas particularly have the dispensary be able to give advice and medication as a chemist can in town. The press has made much of the proposals that there should be a reduction in practices in west Dorset to about 8. This is more about them getting together and being sustainable and certainly in very rural areas like this it is not the intention to close practices.

We are also struggling greatly with the adult social care budget which is currently overspent by about £4M. Digging into the figures we find that the number of people we are helping has not gone up but that we have had about a 15 percent increase in the prices charged for new packages of care this year from the providers. This is partly due to the "living wage" and increases in national insurance but mostly that they are finding it hard to recruit, particularly in rural areas and have put up wages to try to attract more employees. The Children's budget as I mentioned recently is in even greater difficulties at about £8M. While we will manage to balance the budget this year next year will mean that services may have to be cut in order to cope as we do not have any further reserves to cover. Unlike the NHS we have to valence the budget and cannot borrow to cover deficit as they do. It is amazing how hard our staff are working to keep things going. This scenario means that it is even more important that we urgently start closer working with the rest of the NHS as that is where saving could be made.

On a more positive note we are getting quite good at inward funding and recently have had some good feedback from both the Heritage Lottery Fund and also Sport England about proposals which could bring substantial funds into the county. I can't say much more now but should be able to update on this by Easter.

Finally the boundary commission has had a change of mind and at the last minute have moved Buckland Newton back into the Three Valleys Division. This moves me back to having the largest number of people to represent in Dorset, as now. Minterne, Lyons Gate and Middlemarsh go out but Cheselbourne and Frome Vauchurch come in giving an electoral role of some 8400